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AFO begins work on administrative area building renovation, replacement plan

BLM invites public to attend Open House

ANCHORAGE-- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Anchorage Field Office (AFO) will hold an open house on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003 to inform the public about initial work to be accomplished on its building renovation/replacement plan. The plan will only involve the administrative buildings and associated site functions, not the Campbell Creek Science Center or recreational uses on the undeveloped portion of the Campbell Tract. The open house will be held in the AFO training room located at 6881 Abbott Loop Road from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to identify concerns or issues that could be addressed in the master plan.

June Bailey, AFO field manager, said the meeting will give the public an opportunity to be involved in the planning stages from the onset. "We want input from Campbell Tract users at every stage from concept to completion," Bailey said. "We are currently in the infancy phase where we are looking at all aspects of planning to take the Campbell Tract into the future."

The administrative site houses facilities for the AFO and the Alaska State Office. The need for renovation or replacement of existing facilities requires a comprehensive evaluation of the existing facilities and development of a master plan to assure the most effective use of available space. The plan will examine replacing the office building, shops and associated yards; relocating helipads; expanding the warehouse; connecting to municipal sewer and water; and adjusting parking and exterior uses. The new or renovated buildings design will blend with the site's character and will incorporate energy efficiencies and sustainable features.

The next opportunity for public review will be during a presentation of the draft master plan in Fall 2003. For more information visit the website at <http://www.anchorage.ak.blm.gov>

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